

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 26, 2004, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **City Council Interviews of School Board Applicants**

RECOMMENDATION: Endorse a process whereby City Council, as a body, interviews applicants for seats on the School Board.

SUMMARY: In the past, when the School Board had pending vacancies, some Council members, either individually or with another Council member, interviewed applicants. In the process of making the most recent appointments nearly all of the Council members participated in either face to face or telephone interviews. The value of interviews of School Board applicants is indisputable. It seems, however, that rather than an applicant being invited to as many as four separate interviews, it would be more efficient for Council to conduct interviews as a body, either in open or closed session. During its recent retreat Council members expressed an interest in considering this suggestion. If Council would like to conduct interviews of School Board applicants as a body, staff will design and coordinate the process.

This approach could also be applicable to other high interest appointments to boards or commissions.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Issue identified for discussion and action at Council's retreat August 25, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

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ATTACHMENT(S): None

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